

# Editor's Corner

Indeed, there comes a time when one must speak his mind. In this editorial, that is precisely what I hope to do.

I am sick and tired of the over intellectualization of literature. How many times have students been forced to accept the teacher's ideas of the symbolism of a poem, play, or thesis? All of the students ideas on symbolism are null and void, and if you want to pass the examination you had better come across with the "tried and true" symbolism that the teacher sees. Why can't students think for themselves and not depend on others to think for them!

Why must literature classes strip a piece of beautiful artistic work down to the dry bones like vultures on a dead carcass. There is little wonder that most classrooms are as dead as they are. Teachers leave nothing for a student to discover on his own.

Is it not much better to view an impressionistic painting of a sunset, with all of its personal, hidden mystery and beauty for yourself than to just be told what it looks like and what it is supposed to reflect?

Most artists think and communicate on a higher plane of thought than mere words that can be stated in a simple sentence. Feelings can and do express ideas much better than impersonal words that anyone can use!

Is it out of fear or just lack of awareness that teachers categorically sort and pigeon-hole ideas about literature? Do they master it so exactly that it is just fact and not art? How much longer will teachers take something as exciting and personal as literature and convert it into routine jibberish?

In my opinion, when a teacher dissects a marvelous piece of work, it's an insult and disgrace to the teacher, a bigger insult and disgrace to the student, and a slap-in-the-face to the artist.

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News Editor

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Ed. Note: Material concerning political candidates was obtained from their circulars, and does not contain personal opinion.

## WCC Cinema

By Karen Wiles

Does our college have a cinema? Yes, it does! Every Tuesday and Thursday at one o'clock you can walk into the Teaching Auditorium and be provided entertainment. The Division of Learning Resources provides us with this treat. The films shown are selected from those ordered through each department upon a request by an instructor. The films are interesting and en-

tertaining as well as educational. There is a notice on the bulletin board outside the Teaching Auditorium, which gives the title of the film to be shown each week.

Did you miss a movie in class? Check the notice because the movie may be shown in the T. A., providing an opportunity to get missing class notes. Spend your time in a worthwhile manner. Don't miss these absolutely free movies.

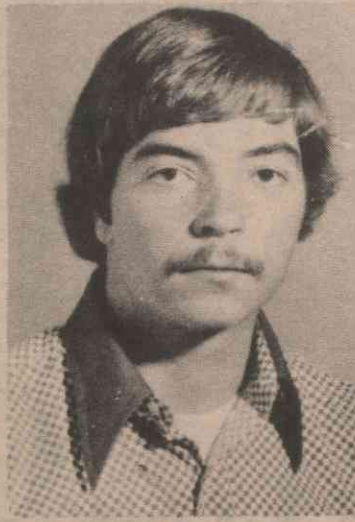
## Open House Success

On Sunday, October first, the second annual Wilkes Community College Open House was held. Wilkes County citizens visiting the spacious campus were greeted by members of the Instructional Media Staff who guided them through the media center where audio-visual equipment was on display and short movies were shown.

Those who escaped the IMC before the 5:30 closing time had a chance to meet Mr. James Larkin Pearson, the North Carolina Poet Laureate, and listen to some of his work set to music and performed by Misses Kay Miller and Janet Brookshire. Throughout the rest of the school were displays by the different departments and organizations, and by the students enrolled in the adult occupational classes. The highlight for the older generation seemed to be a slide show of Wilkes County scenes as they used to be. Mr. Jay Anderson gave this presentation.

Scrumptious looking delicacies were displayed by Dean Simpson's Food Processing Department, and students demonstrated tests for food purity.

As an anti-climax to the enjoyable afternoon those participating in the Open House could view themselves on television courtesy of Gary McNeil, tech-



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## Nick Galifianakis

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House Committee on Appropriations.

The Galifianakis campaign seems to be built on the goal of helping the farmer. He supports REA's rural electrification programs to provide much-needed electric power for thousands of rural families throughout North Carolina. He has consistently supported North Carolina's tobacco industry with both price support and legislation on tobacco research.

Mr. Galifianakis has worked to increase social security benefits for the older citizens. He sponsored a bill to raise the amount retired persons can earn at outside income without losing social security benefits, and was successful in obtaining passage of his bill to provide

doctors and medical personnel to rural areas. He also supports Medicare.

Nick Galifianakis supported legislation which helped save a major part of North Carolina's textile industry. Through his strong stand on these and other issues, Nick Galifianakis has received the endorsement of many prominent members of the Congress.

## Freshmen Elections Completed

Freshmen elections were completed October 24 for the class officers and Senators of the SGA. They are as follows:

President — Brent Holloway, son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Canter of Route 1, Wilkesboro.

Vice President — Alan Whittington, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Whittington of Millers Creek. Both Brent and Alan are graduates of West Wilkes High School.

Secretary — Phil Stevens, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Stevens of Todd, North Carolina. Phil Graduated from Beaver Creek High School.

Treasurer — Toby Benton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rovy Benton of Boonville, North Carolina. Toby is a graduate of Starmount High School.

The freshmen SGA Senators are as follows:

Kay Sebastian, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. U. L. Sebastian of Route 4, North Wilkesboro; Tony Church, son of Mr. and Mrs. James W. Church of Millers Creek; and Charles Osborne, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Osborne of Route 4, North Wilkesboro. Kay, Tony, and Charles are all West Wilkes graduates.

Bob Powell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob R. Powell, Sr. of Wilkesboro. He is a graduate of Wilkes Central High School.

Pamala Jordon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Jordon of Union Grove. Pamala finished high school at North Iredell.

Kim White, son of Mr. and Mrs. Warren White of Roaring River. Kim completed high school at East Wilkes.

All of the class officers and Senators are enrolled in the College Transfer Program.

The Cougar Cry wants to congratulate these ten young men and women and encourage the freshmen class to support them and their efforts.

## SGA NEWS

On October 26, 27, and 28, Elaine Broach, Kathy Blevins, Sandy Jones, and Terry Jackson attended the Fall Convention of the North Carolina Comprehensive Community College Student Government Association (NCCCCSGA). The purpose of these meetings was to give the member representatives an opportunity to discuss common problems, and to interchange ideas on improvement of the present organization for a greater impact on the public. The meetings proved to be very informative, and the delegates came back with some new ideas to implement.

For the past two weeks the Freshman Class has been trying to elect officers for the 72-73 school year. After a run-off in the presidential race and a re-circulation of Senatorial petitions, officers were elected. A list appears elsewhere in this issue.

Oftentimes the SGA hears complaints from the student body about just what the SGA is doing. Speaking for the SGA, this writer would like to ask the Freshman Class what they were doing during elections? Only 195 out of 797 Freshmen voted in either the election or run-off election. Every officer chosen is in the College Transfer Area! It's your duty and responsibility as a student to participate in the electing of class officers. Without student support the SGA will remain as it is now, just a title.

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